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| BASE" (as amended) |) | |

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 19, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: